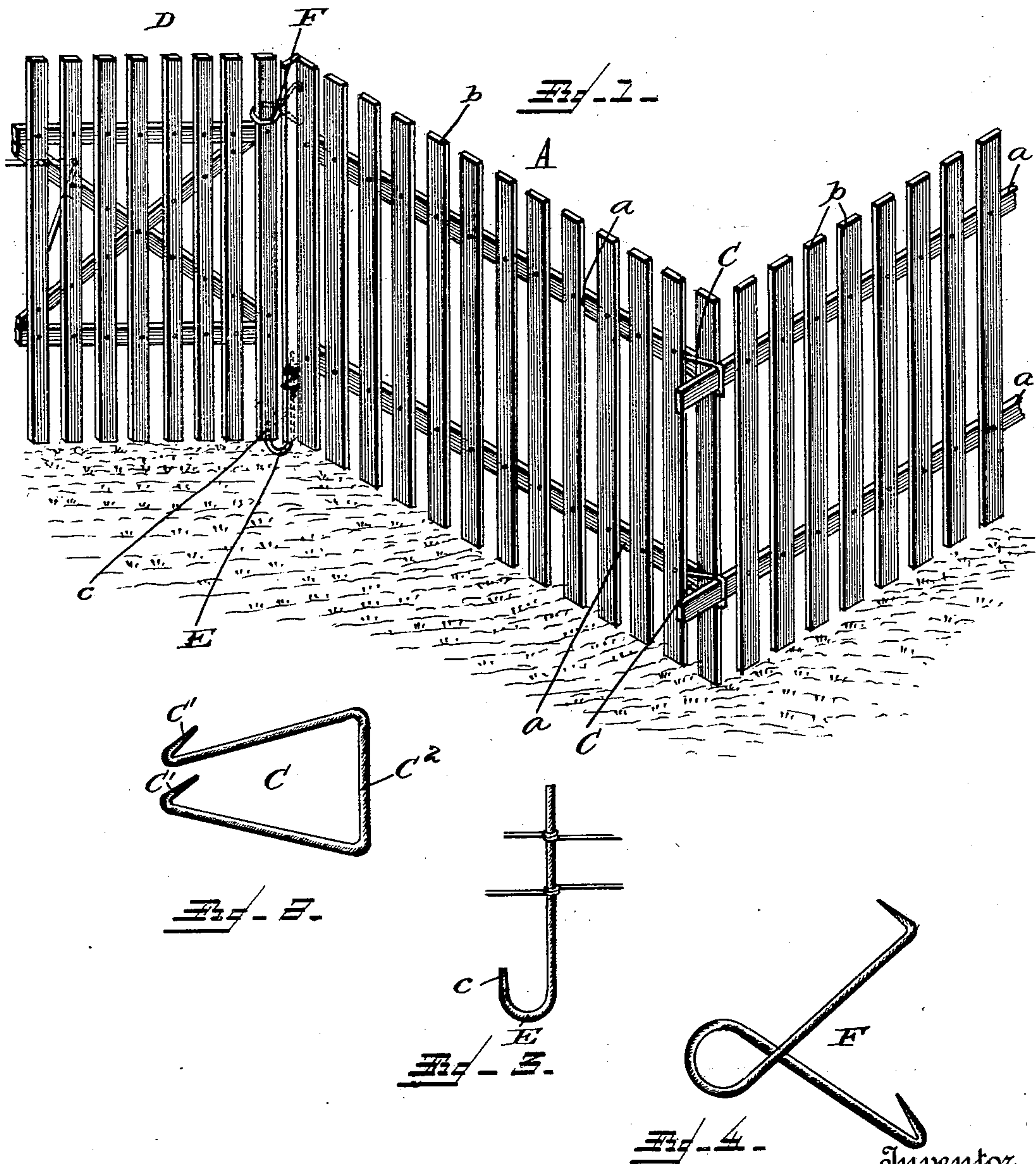


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CROCKET HAZEL, OF SAME PLACE.

## FENCE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK H. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sturgis, in the county of Union and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fences; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvement in fences; and it has for its objects among others to provide a simple, cheap, portable, postless fence that can be readily set up in any desired position, either straight or zigzag, with the panels at any required angle to each other. I also provide for the hanging of a gate without the employment of any posts.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved fence and gate. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the clevis removed. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the gate-hanger, and Fig. 4 is a view of the top holder for the gate.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the panels, composed of the longitudinal bars *a* and the pickets *b*, secured thereon in any suitable manner.

C is a clevis, preferably of a single piece of suitably stout wire bent at its ends to form the prongs or spurs C, which are designed to be driven into the rail or a picket at the ends of the panel, the wire being bent to form a substantially V-shaped portion C<sup>2</sup>, which projects beyond the end panel and beyond the end of the horizontal rails thereof. In practice these panels are made up of any desired length and of any suitable style of pickets, with the clevises secured by passing their prongs or spurs through suitable openings in the rails or slats or pickets and clenching them securely. The preferable way is to apply the clevis to the longitudinal rail and then nail the end picket over the same, covering

the narrow portion thereof, so that the clevis is more securely fastened. The end of the adjacent panel, whose rails extend slightly beyond the end picket thereof, is then placed into the V-shaped opening in the clevis until the end pickets nearly approach each other, and then by moving the panels they may be placed at any desired angle and the joints securely locked, and the sections will be held and braced in the required position.

When it is desired to place the gate in position, all that is necessary to do is to take one of the panels of the fence and place it at right angles to the fence, as indicated in Fig. 1, wherein D indicates the gate. Then place the loop of the hanger F around the end picket of the gate and fasten said hanger to the fence by driving the prongs thereof into the end picket. The gate-hanger E (shown detached in Fig. 3) is then fastened to the end fence-picket, there being a hole bored in the bottom of the first gate-picket to receive the lower crooked end *c* of said hanger, thus supporting the gate at the bottom. On the top of the end picket there is a round tenon made to receive the wire F, (shown detached in Fig. 4,) and which constitutes the top holder for the gate. Thus the gate will be securely hung.

The gate should be provided with a suitable latch; but as this latch forms no part of the present invention a description thereof is not deemed necessary.

Modifications in detail may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What I claim as new is—

The combination with a fence of the class described, of a gate, a hinge secured to the fence and having an upturned hook engaging in an opening in the bottom of the end picket of the gate and a wire top holder for said gate having a loop embracing the upper end of the end picket of the gate and having its ends bent and sharpened and engaged in the end picket of the adjacent panel of the fence, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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